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DARK AND DISCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

The news that the French Government has sanctioned the raising of another loan for the completion of the railway from Tonkin into Yunnan arouses no joy in Indo-China, where the cost of the line promises to be a heavy burden on Colonial finances. The loss of life on the construction work has also been terrible. The *Asien du Tonkin* gives particulars of how it stood with the line last month. The undertaking was set on foot by M. Doumer, a former Governor-General of Indo-China, for political reasons—to strengthen French influence in Yunnan—but it is now carried on mainly for commercial purposes.

The rails had then almost reached the town of Mengtze on the edge of the high table land which stretches into the interior of the province. The most difficult section of the line has just been bridged over and laying the rails from Mengtze to the capital of Yunnan will be a comparatively easy task. From the frontier town of Lachay to the capital the distance is 485 kilometres (290 miles). The number of tunnels required for the whole distance is set at about 140, so mountainous is the country traversed.

VALLEY OF DEATH.

The hardest task of all was that of laying the rails up the valley of the Nam-ti-River, a fever-stricken tract with a climate so deadly that the country is almost without inhabitants.

This fatal valley has swallowed up millions of treasure, and multitudes of human lives. The number of coolies who perished there in laying down the rails is set at forty thousand.

The people on this table-land have a deadly fear of this valley. Neither reward nor high pay can tempt them to set foot there. Labourers had to be recruited from distant parts. Coolies from North China could not stand the valley of death. Only Canton Chinese and low country Tonkinese could be found to leave the climate.

The superintending staff—almost all of them Italians—stood the climate well and made high profits—estimated so far at 30 millions of francs. Very few Frenchmen are employed on the line.

Leaving the inhabited section of Tonkin at Yen-bei, the line runs to Mengtze over a distance of 300 kilometres (180 miles) through a country which is a wilderness and will ever remain so—being unhealthy and barren.

LAVINE OUTLAY.

What about the cost? At the outset, the outlay was set at 94 millions francs. The estimate now stands at 165 millions which can only be met by Indo-China raising a loan. The finishing of the line out of this amount may cost 65 millions of francs, some say that the total cost may figure out at 180 millions! But the traffic when once Yunnan is opened is expected to yield profitable returns.

The Opinion points out that people in the know say that the line will never pay unless it be extended from the capital of Yunnan into the rich province of Szechuen. But, so anti-foreign is the Chinese Government now, that the French company which constructs the railway will never be allowed to extend the line from the capital to Yunnan. Most business men in Tonkin frankly say that, if the railway stops at the capital, its upkeep will be a very heavy burden indeed—even though the French Government should shoulder it all. The outlook is the more serious in that the Chinese Government is now buying up the railway, of which there was once a prospect. Whatever may be the mistakes of the past they cannot be helped now. The French Government will have to see the matter through. *Strait Times.*

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MEETING of MEMBERS will be
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Sir HENRY BECKLEY, K.C., Chairman
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A. R. LOUE,
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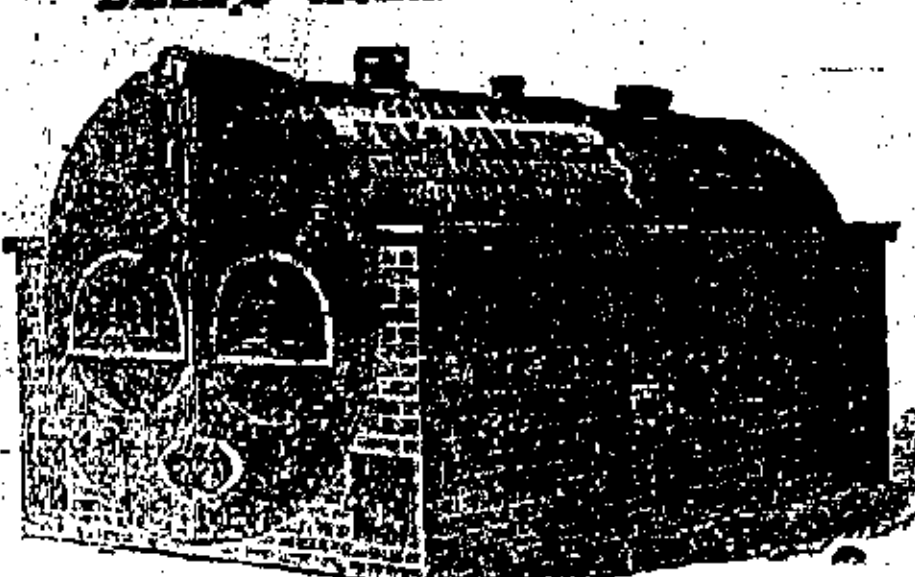
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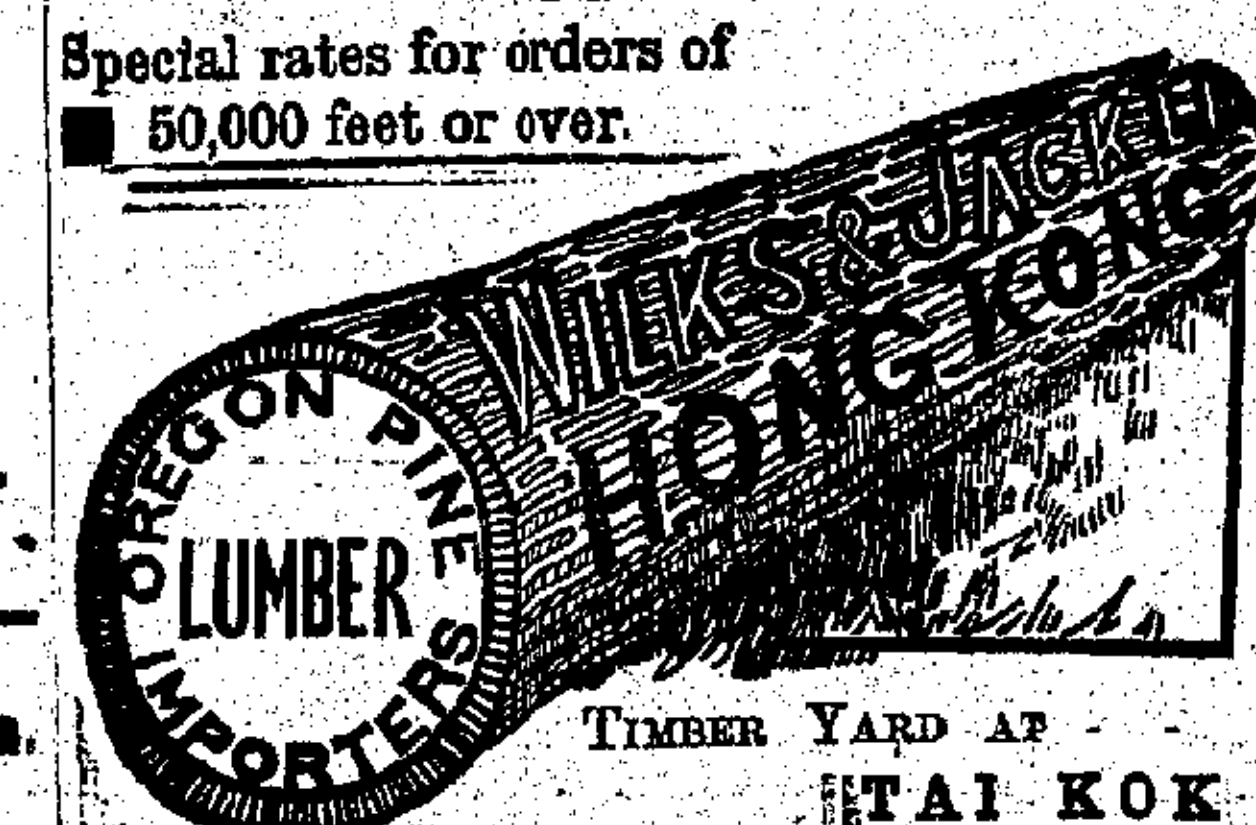
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The feature of the election is the
amount of heckling. Forthshire possesses
a perfect genius for this form of electoral
practice. The subjects brought up are
of the most varied kind, and require
an encyclopaedic knowledge to answer
them properly. Not unrequently the
candidates must wish they had the Minis-
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of asking "for notice of that question."

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the proceedings; but in the main the good
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By Order, E. G. JORDAN,
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47	374	847	1210	1626
60	398	858	1218	1640
72	413	885	1220	1649
102	465	1019	1225	1657
112	573	1029	1243	1595
122	688	1140	1261	1653
167	684	1066	1280	1735
181	684	1087	1281	1826
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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes
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1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to 11.15
p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAY.

6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes
9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 30 minutes
11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes
11.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes
12.15 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
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General Memoranda.

MONDAY, March 29:-

10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

2.30 p.m.—Action of China Bronze

Jude Co. Ltd., at No. 13, Peel

Road (Upper Albany).

5.45 p.m.—Meeting of Rowland Bowling

Green Club at the Club House.

9 p.m.—Baiting at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, March 31:-

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SATURDAY, April 3:-

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island

Cement Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Shaw,

Tomes & Co.'s Office.

No. 4—Meeting of China & Manila Steam

Ship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

MONDAY, April 5:-

Noon—Meeting of China-Borneo Co.,

Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

TUESDAY, April 6:-

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's

Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1904.

PERSIA.

RUSSIAN newspapers are beginning to

show signs of impatience with the Shah

of PERSIA. For more than a year now

the condition of affairs in the northern

part of Persia, that portion which the

Anglo-Russian agreement has marked

out as the sphere of Russian influence,

has been nothing short of chaotic,

and the effect upon the ever

turbulent tribes in the Caucasus has

been very unsettling. The political

upheaval which followed the death of

the late Shah is responsible for all the

trouble. The old King-of-Kings and

Shah-in-Shah shortly before his death

had, under pressure from the nearly

awakened political aspirations of his

people granted to his loyal subjects a

constitution, and when his son succe-

ded to the Throne the nation made him

swear fidelity to his father's promises

in this matter. Under pressure of

circumstances, for his Throne was

anything but secure, he yielded a

reluctant consent and the first Persian

Parliament came into being. It was

quickly dissolved, however, blood being

shed and the Parliament buildings

fired on, for the Shah displayed in the

first week of its assembling a tendency

to revert to the autocratic system of his

predecessors and threatened to tear up

the newly devised Constitution. But

the National party had by this time

gathered so much strength that Great

Britain and Russia felt bound to advise

the Shah that the days of absolute

monarchy had vanished never to return

again, either in Persia or elsewhere.

The Shah was sullen and for a time

refused to follow the advice tendered.

Meanwhile throughout the whole of the

northern provinces a wave of political

revolt swept with irresistible fury

and men and women prepared

to lay down their lives for the

principles of constitutional freedom

which they held dear. Much confusion

prevailed, many lives being lost, rioting

breaking out even in the streets of

Teheran itself. This called for the

intervention of the Russian Cossacks

originally sent into Persia as a Legion

guard. Still the Shah would not give

in and it was only when Great Britain

and Russia intimated that, unless he

granted the people proper repre-

sentative institutions and the right to

control the national finances something

drastic in the way of pressure would

follow, that he consented to recon-

sider the situation.

A high Russian official, discussing

the situation the other day with an

English journalist, said that "the

Governments of Great Britain and of

Russia are in perfect accord as to the

measures to be taken. There is no

possibility of ever restoring in Persia

the old rule of the Shahs: absolute

monarchy, in Persia, as elsewhere, is

gone once and for ever. The only hope

of re-creating Persia as an orderly well-

governed State is the establishment of a

rational form of representative assembly

to control the administration and the

finances of the country. Persia is a

naturally rich country, and under good

rule would quickly find herself in a

healthy condition financially and

otherwise. Such a neighbour Russia

wants; she wants Persia to become a

steady market for certain of her produce;

she wants Persia to grow the cotton to

supply her textile industries, in a

measure, in place of that which has now

to be imported from America. The

success of the Persian Customs under

foreign control, in this case under the

management of a few Belgians, shows

the line that will best repay following

in the regeneration of Persia. The

Customs under the management of

some foreigners not only provide the

necessary interest on Persia's foreign

loans, but give the Shah practically

the only regular resources of his

Treasury. What the Persians require

is instruction in the arts of

government. Up to the present

day Persia has never had anything like

a Budget. There was once an order

issued to a Persian Minister to produce a

Budget, and the poor man, at his wits

end what to do, solved the problem by

presenting a list of the debts of the

State! Financial advisers, or rather

experts in ordinary bookkeeping, will

be required. At first these instructors

in the arts of government will neces-

sarily be foreigners, whose task will be

to produce equivalent results to the

excellent reforms carried out by the

Department of Customs. But, of course,

these are details subordinate to the

main question of the establishment in

Persia of a rational form of representa-

tive assembly."

During the debate on the Army esti-

mates Mr. Rutherford moved a reduction

of ten thousand men. He said that a

saving on the estimates had only been effected

by robbing crabs of their claws, and that

India protested most strongly. Mr. Adair,

Financial Secretary to the War Office,

repudiated the suggestion that the Govern-

ment was not acting honourably. He said

that it was a perfectly friendly settlement

between the two Secretaries of State. Mr.

Ealdane said that the Roman Commission

showed that India was under-paying about

half a million a year. It was, however, felt

that it would not be right to exact the

whole pound of flesh, and an agreement

was arranged by which they accepted

\$200,000 less than they were entitled to,

because they thought that they ought to

do something for India.

Says the Times of Ceylon:—The matter

of restriction in the opium trade is forced

upon the British Colony which is the

door of China by the mother country for

international reasons and in response to

agitation in England. It is fitting, therefore,

that the Home taxpayer should contribute

towards the cost of a bad over which he is

victimized through his own ignorance. It

does not follow that he will be called upon

to pay all he ought to pay—the Colony's

finances will probably be seriously crippled

for some time to come, and the education

votes for Hongkong mission schools may

have to be heavily reduced in consequence.

Some of the taxpayers in the old country

however, stand to get their money back.

The Scotch whisky distillers will do a

roaring trade with the Far East in a few

years!

An action arising out of the accident

due to fog on the Great Northern Railway,

near Finsbury Park, in November, 1903,

has been decided by Mr. Justice Darling

and a special jury. Plaintiff was Frederick

Thomas Daniel, formerly a steward in the

P. and O. Company. The defence was a

denial that plaintiff suffered injury from

the accident, and a plea that Daniel's

present spine trouble was due to inherent

nervous trouble. One witness called was

a former steward in the P. and O. Com-

pany, who said that as a first-class steward,

he had received as much as £40 in tips on

a single voyage in addition to his wages of

£3 per month. On other occasions when

he served as second-class steward he made

as little as £15, and at others £30, £30,

£40, and even £50 extra in the year. His

record was £24 in tips on two voyages.

The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff,

awarding him £2,000 damages, and his

lordship gave judgment accordingly.

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Magistracy to-day with committing an act

of gross indecency.

Mr. Gardner said he appeared for the

